

Docket No.: 1391.1074

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of 35 U.S.C. §371:

Hideto NABEMOTO et al.

Based Upon International Serial No.  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND CARRIER SHEET

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: